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**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE BRANCHES  
WEEK OF OCTOBER 27 - 31, 2008**

**Removal Start: Norwood Industries Site, Toledo, Lucas County, Ohio**

In May 2008, the Ohio EPA (OEPA)-Hazardous Waste Management Division referred a warehouse site in Toledo, Ohio to the U.S. EPA-Emergency Response Branch. The Norwood Industries Site contains approximately 2,000 55-gallon drums containing various wastes, several hundred small containers, and potential soil contamination resulting from a spill of material in the building that has migrated through the exterior walls. During the Site Assessment, analytical results confirmed the presence of characteristic hazardous wastes for flammability and drums labeled corrosive were inaccessible due to haphazard stacking of drums and debris.

On October 16, 2008, OSC Jon Gulch mobilized the Emergency and Rapid Response Services (ERRS) and the Superfund Technical Assistance and Response Team (START) contractors to the Site to remove the imminent and substantial threat posed by the site on the surrounding neighborhood. It is anticipated that the Removal Action will take 45 working days to complete.

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**Civil Citation Awarded to OSC Brian Kelly**

On October 14, 2008, the Detroit Fire Department gave On Scene Coordinator Brian Kelly a "Civilian Citation" Award to recognize his outstanding efforts to coordinate a multi-agency response to the ChemServe removal action in Detroit, Michigan. OSC Kelly was honored by all of the City's Fire Commissioners and Division Chiefs at the ceremony. The award was summarized by the following: "For his dedication and commitment to removing potential health hazards facing the community and emergency responders, we hereby award Mr. Brian Kelly with the Detroit Fire Department's Civilian Citation".

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**Time-critical Removal: Phillipsburg Community Park, Ohio**

On May 21, 2008, the Ohio EPA requested U.S. EPA assistance in conducting a time-critical removal action investigation at the Phillipsburg Community Park in Phillipsburg, Ohio. Phillipsburg Community Park was used as a trap shooting range from 1925 to 1988. The park currently consists of baseball fields, tennis courts, picnic shelters, and a playground. On July 29, 2008, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) completed a Health Consultation for the site and concluded that lead contaminated soils at the Site pose a "Public Health Hazard" to park visitors. ODH recommendations include removal of lead contaminated soil > 400 ppm.

The EPA removal action was initiated on October 14, 2008 with equipment mobilization. The removal action will include excavation and off-site disposal of lead contaminated soil. Excavation was initiated on October 15, 2008 and is scheduled to be completed in February, 2009. An EPA public meeting was conducted on October 16, 2008, to update the community on the EPA removal action.

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### **Career Exploration Event: Robichaud High School, Dearborn Heights, Michigan**

On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) Jeff Kimble participated in a career night event at Robichaud High School in Dearborn Heights, Michigan, on October 22, 2008. Almost 100 students from the school stopped by the EPA table, and approximately 20 students asked questions related to EPA's mission and employment opportunities with EPA. The EPA display seemed popular with students who already had knowledge of "Green" technology and living choices. The station also seemed popular with students who expressed a high level of interest in the study of science. OSC Kimble discussed the job of the OSC, as well as many other jobs at EPA, with the students (and parents) who showed an interest. Pam Gallichio from Superfund provided educational and career related handouts for the students which were distributed at the event.

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### **Michigan Premiere Public Health Conference, Kalamazoo, Michigan**

EHS Keith Fusinski attended the Michigan Premiere Public Health Conference, Oct 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo, MI. Various lectures and seminars were attended, including one given by OSC Jeff Kimble and Steve Hall from the Jackson County Health Department entitled, "Local, State and Federal Response to a Mercury Spill." Other seminars topics included public health multi-district harmony and a review of a hazardous waste collection program in Kalamazoo County. This Conference allowed EHS Fusinski to network with various entities within multiple departments of Michigan's public health programs.

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### **Mercury Spill Response Workshop, Troy, Michigan**

On October 1, 2008, U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSCs) Jeff Kimble assisted with the development and instruction of a workshop on response to mercury releases. The workshop was sponsored by Southeastern Michigan Firefighters Society and the Oakway Hazmat Team and was held in Troy, MI.

U.S. EPA's presentation was on how to conduct cleanups of small and large mercury spills and described common and unusual cleanup techniques. Other presenters included County health officials, a representative from the Poison Control Center, local health department officials and a representative from the Michigan Department of Community Health. Approximately 95 people were in attendance.

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### **Mercury Spill Response Workshop, Allen Park, Michigan**

On October 29, 2008, U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSCs) Jeff Kimble assisted with the development and instruction of a workshop on response to mercury releases. The workshop was sponsored by Downriver Emergency Response Team and was held in Allen Park, Wayne County, MI.

U.S. EPA's presentation was on how to conduct cleanups of small and large mercury spills and described common and unusual cleanup techniques. Other presenters included County health officials, a representative from the Poison Control Center, local health department officials and a representative from the Michigan Department of Community Health. Approximately 30 people were in attendance.

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#### **Settlement with Danco Anodizing, Warsaw, Indiana**

On October 15, 2008, U.S. EPA entered into a Consent Agreement and Final Order with Danco Anodizing, to resolve alleged violations of the EPCRA Tier II reporting requirements. Danco Anodizing is a job shop anodizer of titanium and aluminum. The products they anodize are primarily components of artificial joint replacement devices such as hips and knees. Based on an inspection conducted at the facility, Danco Anodizing was storing two extremely hazardous substances greater than the minimum threshold in calendar years 2003, 2004, and 2005. They were required to submit Tier IIs on March 1 of each year for the previous calendar year, to the Indiana State Emergency Response Commission, Kosciusko County Local Emergency Planning Committee, and Warsaw Fire Department. They failed to submit Tier IIs for calendar years 2003 and 2004. They filed the Tier II for calendar year 2005 due March 1, 2006, on January 10, 2007, after being contacted by EPA to conduct the inspection. The adjusted proposed penalty was \$33,000. Both parties agreed to settle this matter for \$21,697. Danco will pay \$5,424 to the U.S. Treasury, and conduct a Supplemental Environmental Project for a cost of \$46,262. The total settlement is for \$51,686. Danco Anodizing will construct a chemical storage room using non-combustible materials in a fire resistant design and including specialized safety equipment.

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#### **EPCRA Compliance Inspection Conducted at Wisconsin Hardcoat Inc., Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin**

On October 22, 2008, William Sandstrom and Willy Pua from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section conducted an Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) compliance inspection at Wisconsin Hardcoat Inc., 13460 Silver Spring Road, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. This facility conducts hardcoat anodizing of aluminum and aluminum alloy parts for food packaging. The hazardous chemical that is on site and above the minimum threshold level for reporting under Sections 311 and 312 of EPCRA is sulfuric acid. The results of the inspection will be reviewed to determine if follow up action is required.

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#### **EPCRA Compliance Inspection Conducted at L & L Metal Finishing Inc., Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin**

On October 22, 2008, William Sandstrom and Willy Pua from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section conducted an EPCRA compliance inspection at L & L Metal Finishing Inc., N57 W13396 Carmen Avenue, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. This facility conducts black oxide application and electroless nickel plating of steel parts for machine tools,

piston rings, motor shafts, etc. The results of the inspection will be reviewed to determine if follow up action is required.

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#### **Calumet County, WI, LEPC/RMP Table Top Exercise**

On October 22, 2008, Glenn Cekus from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section, Natalie Wojdakowski and Dan Smith (both START 3) conducted a Local Planning Committee/Risk Management Plan (LEPC/RMP) table top exercise in Chilton, WI. The RMP scenario involved the accidental release of anhydrous ammonia from the Agri-Partners Co-op in Chilton. Approximately 52 local responders, emergency managers, plant personnel and state representatives took part in the event. The exercise focused on use of the LEPC emergency operations plan with responding organizations using the drill as an opportunity to exercise their own plans. After the exercise, a debrief and "hot wash" were conducted to gather feedback from the evaluators, observers and players in the exercise. A final report will be provided by START 3 and distributed to the LEPC for use in updating the EOP.

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#### **Outagamie County, WI, LEPC/RMP Table Top Exercise**

On October 23, 2008, Glenn Cekus from the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Section, Natalie Wojdakowski and Dan Smith (both START 3) conducted the subject exercise for the Outagamie County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in Kaukauna, WI. The Fox Energy Center Risk Management Plan (RMP) worst case scenario was used as the event driving the exercise. This scenario involved the accidental release of aqua ammonia from a 40,000 gal. storage tank during product transfer from a tank truck. Approximately 55 players from local emergency response organizations, emergency management, the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and other counties, participated in the event. Upon concluding the exercise a debrief and "hot wash" were conducted to capture suggestions and feedback from the participants. The purpose is to use such information to update the LEPC emergency operations plan and provide the participating organizations an opportunity to do the same with their response plans. A final report will be provided to the LEPC highlighting the "lessons learned" from this drill that can be used in these updates.

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